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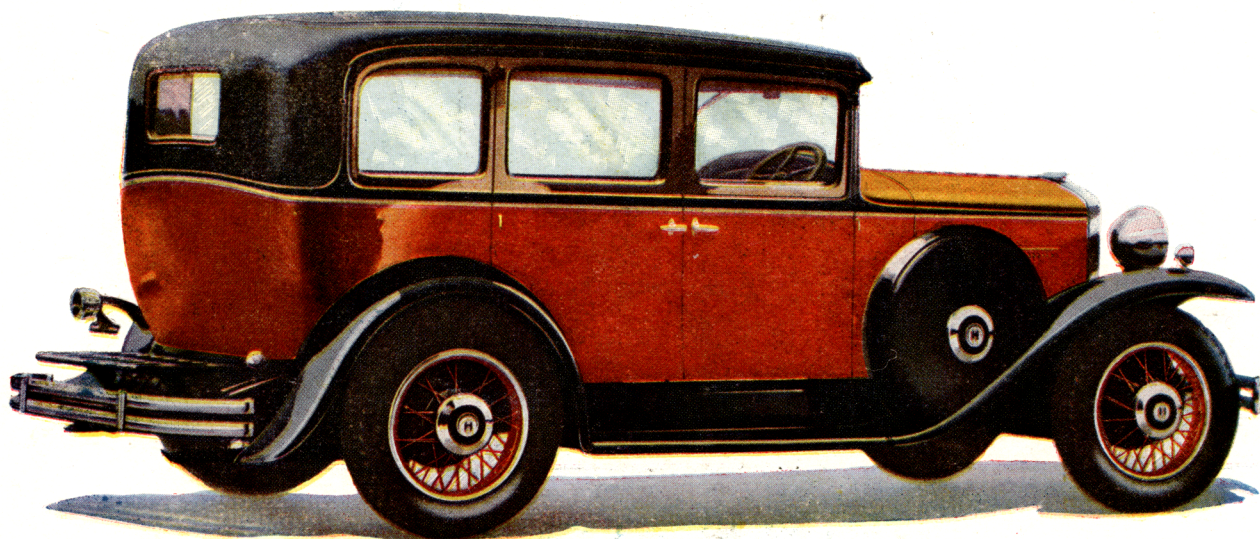
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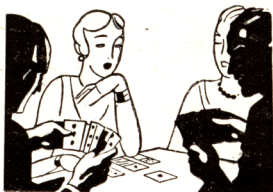
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The Story of the Sea

A Road for Conquerors :: History Written in Stone

(By John Sandes.)

"Yes, indeed," said the Sister in her grey nursing uniform with white linen headdress and short cape of scarlet cloth, "this hospital contained a great many Australian soldiers who fell ill in those strenuous days of training in the bitter winters on Salisbury Plain. Some of them were nursed back to health, and went away to the battlefields; others stayed behind in the military cemetery at Tidworth Pennings, only a mile away from here. You will see the cemetery on the top of the hill near the cadets' camp."

A few miles from Tidworth Pennings and from the military cemetery in which the Australian soldiers sleep we came to Stonehenge. A young surgeon drove us there in his car. On the way we passed the cemetery, a wide plot enclosed by a neat white paling fence, and entered through a white gate with the simple legend "Military Cemetery" painted in black letters on it. On a broad concrete base there is a tall memorial stone, and on it the names of the dead Australian soldiers have been cut. The bones beneath are mingled with the dust of men who died in this place 40 centuries ago, for Tidworth is on the edge of famous Salisbury Plain, and the megalithic builders, men of the same race as those who set up the gigantic trilithons at Ponape in the Carolines and at Easter Island, were here in 1800 B.C., when the Neolithic Age was just merging into the Bronze Age. The dead men of that distant Long Ago lie in their "barrows," or funeral mounds, beside the Australians—sons of the youngest nation on the earth.

The road to Stonehenge lies through Bulford, which was afterwards a big artillery camp. During the war the New Zealanders had a camp of training there, and on a hill behind Bulford the startled traveller sees a gigantic Kiwi carved out of the white chalk, which, with a thin veneer of green turf overlaying it, composes all these far-spread Wiltshire downs. Further away to the south is the famous equine portrait carved by the Danes in the Vale of White Horse, where the hero of "Tom Brown's Schooldays" spent his happy childhood. Salisbury Plain is still to-day a great military training area where horse, foot, guns and aeroplanes manoeuvre continually. The Army children, who chase each other about these parade grounds yelling with happy glee, must wonder who were the men that carved that huge wingless bird out of the chalk on the hillside; but if they ask what kind of bird it is they will not find many people here who can tell them. The young R.A.M.C. captain who drove us through Bulford in his car referred confidently to the Kiwi as a "cassowary." There is no reason why the Kiwi, carved with faithful and spirited accuracy in the white chalk, should not last as long as the white horse carved on another hillside further to the southward by the men who came to England with Hengist and Horsa.

Salisbury Plain has become as it were a vast open page upon which in pictorial writings carved in white chalk, as well as in the megalithic monuments of Stone-

henge and sepulchral barrows which are scattered around, one may read passages from the long history of Britain during the last 4,000 years.

The busy archaeologists who have made excavations around Stonehenge in recent times have dug up curious objects—funeral urns and drinking vessels in rude pottery of the Neolithic Age, ornaments in gold and amber, barbed arrow heads and leaf-shaped spear points, daggers in flint and in bronze, necklets of beads and hammered gold, a Roman sesterius of the Age of the Antonines, and a penny of King George the Third.

Centuries hence one may imagine the eager excavators puzzling over a tiki in greenstone, or an Australian badge with the rising sun in brass, found within a few yards of the broken weapons of pre-historic man. If all written history were to be destroyed by some incalculable catastrophe the gigantic Kiwi on the hillside would supply the investigating savant with a clue. He would be able to divine that at some crisis in the fortunes of Great Britain the men of Australia and New Zealand had come from over the sea to fight for her, and that some of them had left their bones in the widely scattered burial grounds of Salisbury Plain, where their dust is mingled with that of the men who built the great temple of the Sun, whose mighty pillars are still standing where they were embedded deep in the chalk nearly forty centuries ago.

A road with smooth asphalted surface now runs past the huge "pointer stone" set up by those learned builders at about the time when Abraham fed his flocks and, incidentally, set out to propitiate his deity by sacrificing his son Isaac; only desisting when he found a ram "caught by his horns in a thicket," to be the substitute. Human sacrifice was widespread in that age. The pointer stone was placed with such mathematical accuracy that the first beams of the rising sun at the summer solstice on June 21st strike its summit and, passing between the two gigantic pillars of one of the trilithons, irradiate the flat altar stone within the inner circle of pillars in this enclosure which was once, they say, a Temple of the Sun. On the altar, as some savants declare, the victim, previously slain at the slaughter-stone some little distance away, was laid, so that the first rays of the Sun-god should shine upon the offering made for the propitiation of the deity. One experienced a thrill of mystery and awe in looking down at that flat stone where slaughtered human beings once lay bathed in their blood, done to death by the priests in order that an offended god might be appeased.

Interested sightseers who had arrived by car or motor-bike were eagerly inspecting the big stones which still remain standing, with other big stones placed crosswise on the top. How those huge blocks of dressed stone were raised and placed in position no man now living can say with certainty, but an American visitor who had brought his wife and family in a motor car with a rubber-tyred caravan affixed to it by a trailer,

for the purposes of a dining room and dormitory, found no difficulty in explaining the procedure of the deceased engineers to his open-mouthed partner and offspring. Standing on the altar built by shadowy prehistoric hands, he told his audience by what procedure the work, in his opinion, was carried out, and then he drove away.

Around the ruined Temple of the Sun may be seen a couple of "long barrows" in which men of an earlier race than even the megalithic builders were entombed, and also scores of "round barrows," which are believed to be the burial mounds of the builders themselves who dispossessed the earlier inhabitants and probably enslaved those whom they did not exterminate.

Waves of invasion successively breaking on the shores of Britain—that is the picture formed by up-reared rocks and upheaved burial mounds on Salisbury Plain. The round-headed temple builders with their engineering and astronomical science, and their determined idealism, succeeded the men of the less efficient long-headed race who had preceded them, and who in their turn must have displaced some race even lower in the scale of fitness for making the best of their environment. Long after the round-headed engineer-astronomers came the Celts, who brought in Druidism, and before whom the temple-builders, who were almost certainly Phoenicians—the great sailors of that era—

faded away. Then began the long procession of invading races in historic times, each contributing its share to the racial stock from which the British people have been evolved.

The Kiwi carved in chalk on the hillside over Bulford, and the memorial stone in the Australian plot of the Military Cemetery at Tidworth Pennings are the only records of men who came from overseas to England's shores as friends. All others came in arms to conquer the race that they found in possession. The lesson that is forced upon the mind of the spectator who stands amid the ruins of this colossal temple of the Sun-god and who looks around upon the long barrows of an earlier race, and upon the plain which since their day has been trodden in turn by Celts, Romans, Jutes, Saxons, Danes and Normans, must be that history knows nothing of "the preservation of the 'status quo.'"

"Be strong or give place to the strong," that is the story told by Stonehenge, and it is a story that may well be laid to heart by the home-keeping fellow countryman of the stout fellows who carved that colossal Kiwi in the chalk of the hillside overlooking Bulford, and also of the fellow countrymen of those other heroic souls who sleep in the Australian plot of the military cemetery by Tidworth Pennings.

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SEPTEMBER RACE MEETING

Saturday, September 13th, 1930

THE HURDLE RACE.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £2 each, £1 forfeit, to be declared to the Secretary before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1930, with £400 added; second horse £80, and third horse £40 from the prize. The winner of any Hurdle Race or Steeplechase after the declaration of weights to carry 10 lbs. extra.

ABOUT TWO MILES.

THE NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit, to be declared to the Secretary before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1930, with £400 added; second horse £80, and third horse £40 from the prize. For all horses which have not won a race on the flat (maiden race excepted) exceeding £150 in value to the winner up to the time of running. The winner of any Handicap Flat Race after the declaration of weights to carry 10 lbs. extra.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

THE TRAMWAY HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £10 each, £1 forfeit, to be declared to the Secretary before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1930, with £550 added; second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. The winner of any Handicap Flat Race after the declaration of weights to carry 10 lbs. extra.

SEVEN FURLONGS.

THE CHELMSFORD STAKES.

Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances, for horses three-years-old and upwards. A Sweepstakes of £10 each, £1 forfeit, to be declared to the Secretary before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1930, with £1,250 added; second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Horses that have won a weight-for-age or special weight race exceeding £400 in value to the winner to carry 7 lbs. extra. Horses not having at time of starting won a handicap exceeding £150 in value to the winner allowed:—Three years, 7 lbs.; four years and upwards, 14 lbs.; maiden three-years-old allowed 10 lbs.; maiden four-years-old and upwards allowed 20 lbs. Winners of weight-for-age or special weight races not entitled to any allowance.

ONE MILE AND ONE FURLONG.

THE SPRING HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £8 each, £1 forfeit, to be declared to the Secretary before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1930, with £600 added; second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. The winner of any Handicap Flat Race after the declaration of weights to carry 10 lbs. extra.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

THE WELTER HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit, to be declared to the Secretary before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1930, with £400 added; second horse £80, and third horse £40 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight, 7 st. 7 lbs. The winner of any Handicap Flat Race after the declaration of weights to carry 10 lbs. extra.

ONE MILE.

Forfeit must be declared before 1 p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, or the nominator will be liable for the full amount of Sweepstakes.

A.J.C. Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations.

Entries for the above Races are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney; the Secretary, N.J.C., Newcastle; the Secretary, Q.T.C., Brisbane; or Mr. M. P. Considine, 491 Bourke Street, Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m. on

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1930.

Weights to be declared on such day as the Committee may appoint. If entries are made by telegram, the amount of First Forfeit must be wired. Owners and Trainers must declare penalties incurred and claim allowances due at date when making entries. The Committee of Tattersall's Club reserves the right to refuse any entry. First Forfeit of £1 must accompany each entry. The Committee reserves the power from time to time to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the date of running, the sequence of the races, time of starting, and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances.

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Tattersall's Golf Club

Play for the Ingham Cup

Tattersall's Golf Club has been so unfortunate in having wet weather to contend with in its former matches, that the beautiful sunshine experienced for the opening day's play for the Ingham Cup came as a very pleasant surprise. There was a record number of entries, no fewer than 56 members having drawn to compete. Prior to the opening of the game the President of Tattersall's Club, Mr. Whiddon, together with the Treasurer, Mr. Dunningham, who were accompanied by the Secretary, Mr. T. T. Manning, were in attendance at Bonnie Doon Golf Club. Mr. T. G. Murray, President of the Golf Club and Mr. A. C. Ingham, the donor of the Cup, were also present and competed.

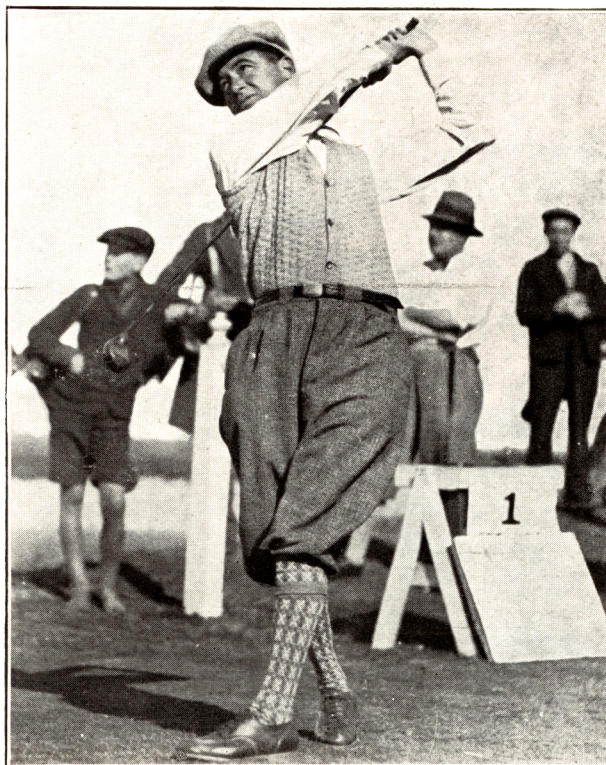
The day was one of many surprises. Bonnie Doon which looks to the golfer who has not played upon it, a fairly easy course, is not by any means as easy as it appears. On Wednesday, July the 9th (the day on which the match was played), it was probably harder

No matter where they drove the ball seemed to find water, and if a hit was skied to any extent it was no unusual thing for the ball to fall and bury itself three inches under the turf. As a result many balls were lost and very many penalties which would not otherwise have been incurred fell to the lot of the players. Many



H. R. McLeod who tied with J. T. Hackett for the Cup, getting out of a nasty spot.

than ordinary owing to the fact that heavy rain had been falling and the fairways were sodden beneath the glowing sunshine. Visitors from other clubs who were not familiar with the course were soon in difficulties.



J. T. Hackett driving off the first tee. He tied with H. R. McLeod.

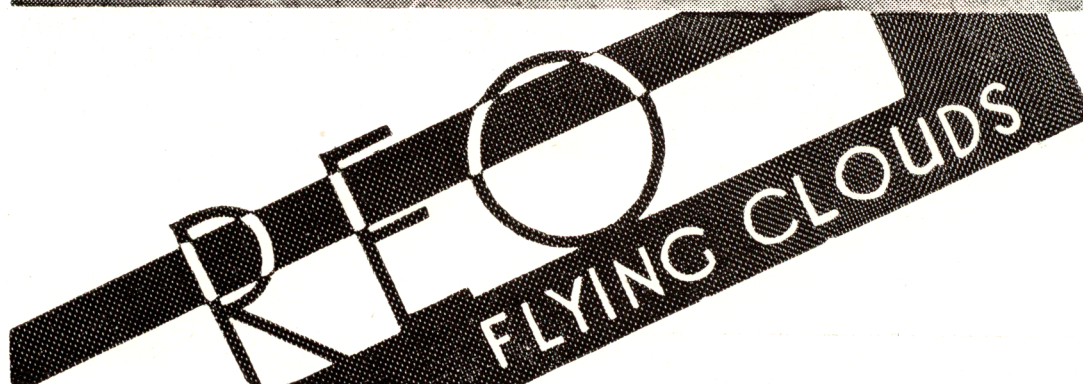
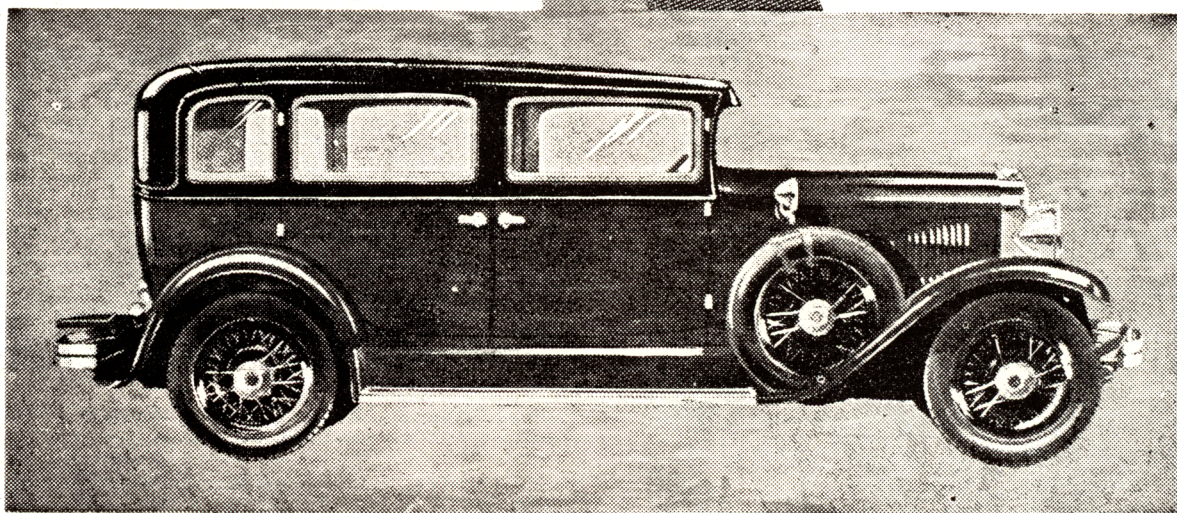
who had looked upon themselves as fair scorers on other courses properly fell down, and the field soon had a long tail which was full of laments. One of the chief sufferers from water hazards was Mr. A. C. Ingham, the donor of the Cup, and later in the day he referred to his efforts on Bonnie Doon during the match as something reminiscent of Water Polo.

This handicap, however, did not deter all present from thoroughly enjoying the day's outing, and many complimentary remarks were made relative to the arrangements made by the Bonnie Doon Committee to welcome members and make their day as happy as possible. Mr. Mann, the Vice-President of Bonnie Doon, together with the Captain of the Club and the popular Club Secretary spent the day fraternising with the visiting golfers and making them feel entirely at home.

The result of the competition was that two members drew the match—Mr. H. R. McLeod and Mr. J. T. Hackett, both of whom returned a score of 71 net.

Both these gentlemen are members of Bonnie Doon, and their local knowledge of the course probably as-

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sisted them considerably. Apart from that however, their performance was a really meritorious one, considering the conditions with which the visitors had to contend.

The Committee of Tattersall's Golf Club decided that



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there would be no play-off, and that both winners would receive a replica of the Cup. There being only one replica available, this was presented to Mr. McLeod, who won the toss for the honour of receiving it. Mr. Hackett is to receive his replica as soon as one is made by Messrs. Wm. Kerr & Co.

The President of Tattersall's Golf Club, Mr. Tom Murray, returned thanks to the Committee of Bonnie Doon Club for making the course available for the play-off in the Ingham Cup. He commented on the very satisfactory attendance of Tattersall's Club Golfers which amounted to 56 players, and said that it was really the first beautiful day of sunshine that the Club had had. He proposed the toast of the Bonnie Doon Club coupled with the name of its Vice-President, Mr. Mann and its Captain, Mr. Griffiths.

In response, Mr. Mann, the Vice-President of Bonnie Doon, stated that any member of Tattersall's Golf Club would always be welcome on the course, and he was glad to see such fine scores as 71 net put in by Mr. H. R. McLeod and Mr. J. Hackett who had tied in winning the first competition for the Ingham Cup. The fact that they belong to Bonnie Doon was clearly in evidence that local knowledge had a good deal to do with their performance.

The presentation of a replica of the Cup was then made to the winners by Mr. Arthur Ingham, the donor, who said that there was nothing he had ever done in his life which had ever given him greater pleasure than to donate the Cup he had done to Tattersall's Club for the Golf Competition. He had never had the privilege of being associated with a collection of such wonderful sportsmen as were the members, not only of Tattersall's Golf Club, but of Tattersall's Club itself. He congratulated the two winners on their wonderful performance, all the more wonderful because although the day

had been one of sunshine, the continuous wet weather had made the course one which to him brought to mind his days of competition in Water Polo (laughter). He thought he knew something about that game, but he had found that he knew nothing compared with his efforts on Bonnie Doon course that day. (Laughter and cheers). He did not make the statement as a reflection on Bonnie Doon course, which was really one of the finest golf courses outside Sydney, but he could assure Bonnie Doon members that owing to the continuous wet weather, he had met so many rivulets and small lakes that his vocabulary in christening them had become almost exhausted in view of the fact that each name he bestowed had to commence with a "B." Nevertheless, they had all had a very wonderful day and he wanted to thank the Com-



Mr. Sid Baker in a difficult position.

mittee of Bonnie Doon for its kindness. He was proud to be associated with the event of the day as the Cup donor. As there was only one replica available to present (although the Committee had decided to present two, and the other one would have to be made), the winners, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Hackett had tossed who was to receive the miniature Cup. Mr. McLeod would get his to-day and Mr. Hackett would receive his later on. Mr. Ingham then presented the Cup to Mr. McLeod.

In returning thanks for the trophy, Mr. McLeod, one of the winners, said he felt a very proud man indeed. He had played a lot of golf, but apart from the A.I.F. trophy there was nothing that he had felt that he wanted to win more than the Ingham Cup. He was also thankful to think that he had not got to play a final match

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with Mr. Hackett to settle who was to be the final winner, because he was not at all certain that he would finish as such if he did so. Despite Mr. Ingham's remarks about the course, he congratulated the Bonnie Doon Committee on its really excellent condition considering the tremendous rain which had fallen. For two years he had been a member of Bonnie Doon, and he had never known such a phenomenal fall of rain as during the preceding fortnight.

Mr. Jim Hackett also returned thanks and said he too appreciated the fact that the Committee had decided to present two replicas of the Cup, as he also felt that if he had to meet Mr. McLeod in the final that he would be by no means sure of winning. He put down his performance that day to the thorough coaching he had had during the last week or so from Mr. Griffith, the Bonnie Doon Captain.

Mr. Lee, the Minister for Justice, who was present, also spoke, and a very pleasant function ended.

Results:—The A.C. Ingham Cup was won conjointly by Mr. H. R. McLeod and Mr. J. T. Hackett, with 71 net each. Mr. V. B. Audette's Trophy was won by Mr. A. V. Miller, and Mr. J. A. Role's Trophy was won by Mr. N. Stirling.

Scores:—

McLeod, H. R.	81	10	71
Hackett, J. T.	91	20	71
Miller, A. V.	82	7	75
Stirling, N.	97	21	76
MacLeod, C. W.	83	7	76
Giddings, L.	81	3	78
Thomson, B. L.	88	10	78
Richards, F. V.	89	10	79
McDonald, W. A.	87	7	80
Polson, M.	95	14	81
Munro, C. O. J.	92	10	82
Edwards, A. R.	103	21	82
Stocks, A. H.	101	18	83
Dowling, J. B.	89	6	83
White, E. K.	84	1	83
Kelly, R. T.	91	7	84
Furlong, F. S.	96	12	84
Audette, V. B.	105	20	85
Betts, E. L.	92	6	86
Pfeiffer, F.	94	8	86
Watson, G. J.	93	7	86
Berk, A. C.	107	20	87
Richards, T. A.	109	21	88
Dobson, A.	92	6	88
Forsyth, E. W.	116	21	95
Lewis, A. C.	115	20	95
Forsyth, W. E.	121	21	100
Keogh, M. K.	123	20	103

Golf—Monthly Outing

At Pennant Hills.

Perfect weather made the usual monthly outing of the members of Tattersall's Golf Club at the Pennant Hills golf course on Wednesday, July 30th, a pleasant one. The pretty course, with undulating country, where the dark green timber and lighter toned grassy lands contrasted pleasingly, never looked to better advantage, and greens and fairways were in perfect order. Players to

the number of about fifty participated in the outing, and all were as keen as mustard. Mr. N. Stirling, who is a consistent performer, though he carried a "penalty," proved to be the winner, and a handsome trophy that had been donated by H. R. McLeod, was presented to him. The high-weight division resulted in a dead-heat between Mr. E. L. Betts and Mr. F. V. Richards, and the stewards decided the issue in the usual way and Mr. Betts was declared the winner. Mr. Chatterton "headed the field" in the other division.

A happy little ceremony took place at the "19th," when the club President thanked the members of the Pennant Hills Club, through the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Tonkin, for the use of the course. Mr. Tonkin, in his reply, said that the members of Tattersall's Golf Club would always be welcome to the course. The gathering then broke up with the general expression among members that "they had had a great day."

The results were:—

Mr. H. R. McLeod's Trophy was won by Mr. N. Stirling; Club Trophy ("A" Grade), won by Mr. E. L. Betts after tying with Mr. F. V. Richards; Club Trophy ("B" Grade), won by Mr. S. E. Chatterton.

N. Stirling (16) 1 up, S. E. Chatterton (15) 1 down, E. A. Nettlefold (18) 2 down; F. A. Comins (12) 3 down, E. L. Betts (5) 3 down, F. V. Richards (8) 3 down, J. Matthews (18) 4 down, S. Baker (11) 4 down, A. C. Berk (15) 4 down, W. A. McDonald (5) 4 down, B. L. Thompson (8) 5 down, J. T. Hackett (13) 5 down, E. K. White (1) 5 down, E. W. Forsyth (18) 6 down, V. B. Audette (15) 6 down, M. K. Keogh (15) 6 down, C. W. McLeod, Junr., (5) 6 down, T. A. Daly (6) 6 down, H. R. McLeod (7) 6 down, L. H. Steger (7) 6 down, J. McLeod (12) 7 down, W. Mierendorff (16) 7 down, R. W. Plasto (5) 7 down, J. B. Dowling (4) 7 down, W. S. Kay (6) 8 down, G. J. Watson (5) 9 down, S. W. Griffith (9) 9 down, P. M. King (8) 9 down, M. Polson (10) 10 down, F. Eastment (18) 10 down, A. R. Edwards (18) 11 down, W. C. Moodie (14) 11 down, A. C. Ingham (18) 12 down, A. O. Romano (18) 13 down, J. A. Roles (18) 16 down.

Forthcoming Events

The following dates have been booked and fixtures arranged for Golf Club members. As will be seen, outings have now been arranged for the rest of the current year.

Wednesday, August 27th -- Avondale Golf Club
4-ball Best Ball Bogey Handicap

Wednesday September 17th -- Roseville Golf Club.
Bogey Handicap.

Thursday, October 23rd -- Concord Golf Club.
4-ball Best Ball Bogey Handicap.

Thursday, November 20th -- Manly Golf Club.
18-holes Stroke Handicap for the
A. C. Ingham Cup.

Wednesday, December 10th -- Parramatta Golf Club
At Blacktown. Bogey Handicap.

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Club News and Notes

Dinner and Dance

There was another gay company in the Club on the evening of Saturday, July 19th, when a highly enjoyable dinner and dance took place. No pains had been spared by the committee to make the function go with a swing. Dinner was provided in the Club's best style, and during the meal the well-known Maggie Foster instrumental trio added to everyone's pleasure by supplying tuneful music. Everyone seemed immensely happy, and the dinner in every way was a very fitting prelude to the dance itself. The tables had been beautifully decorated with a wealth of flowers, this making not an inconspicuous feature of the function. As on previous occasions, chorus singing enlivened the feast, and the depressed times were certainly not reflected among the large company.

The Club Room makes an ideal situation for a dance, and the improvement to the dancing surface of the floor, owing to recent treatment, was remarked by one and all. Miss Jean Kennelly was in charge of the orchestra, which provided bright and tuneful music for the dances.

The committee has made these functions so singularly successful that the next dinner and dance, on 20th September, is being eagerly looked forward to.

Bridge Evenings

The bridge evening held at the Club on July 8th was a very successful function, and all present agreed it was one of the most enjoyable evenings to date. The following were present and took part in some highly interesting play:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Dowling, Miss Poole, Mr. and Mrs. C. Smithers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall, Miss Hall, Mr. Boyle and Mrs. Bohrsman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cheene, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gearin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Marks, Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Brasch, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. Plasto, Mr. and Mrs. A. Langley, Mr. J. O'Dea and the Misses O'Dea (2), Mr. and Mrs. Hannan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillespie, Dr. Kelly, Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dalley, Messrs. Clark, F. Williams and R. Price.

The first prize was won by Miss Smithers and Mr. F. Williams with a score of 1,331, Miss O'Dea and Mr. Gillespie being second with a card showing 1,312 points, whilst Mrs. Clayton and Mr. Hannan, with a score of 1,157 points, secured third prize. For having won the greatest number of rubbers during the evening, Mrs. F. A. Marks was presented with a special trophy.

A bridge match between members of the Commercial Travellers' Association and Tattersall's Club took place at the Club on July 9th, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. There were some very interesting games. The results were as under:—

V. Burleigh, E. Schwarz (Tatt.'s) 577 v. P. Bellmame, C. O. Thompson (C.T.A.).

H. Grounds, R. Price (Tatt.'s) v. W. O. Braid, W. Moylan (C.T.A.), 248.

W. Dalley, A. Thomson (Tatt.'s) v. J. Silver, D. Sunter (C.T.A.), 185.

H. Clayton, H. Johns (Tatt.'s) v. V. Benjamin, C. A. Gibson (C.T.A.), 1126.

Commercial Travellers' Association won by 982 points.

A bridge evening, at which everyone enjoyed themselves to the full, was held at the Club on Tuesday evening last, the 5th inst., when the following were present: Mesdames Dalley, Gillespie, G. Cheine, H. Hall, Bohrsman, A. Marks, Brasch, Dawkins, Stone, Emanuel, Hannan, Milne, Dowling, Langley, Plasto, and O'Dea, the Misses Hannan, Smithers, Genge and R. O'Dea, Messrs. H. Hall, C. Smithers, J. Dowling, G. Cheine, H. Boyle, V. Gillespie, A. Marks, J. Roles, Dawkins, A. Genge, Clark, S. Emanuel, V. Burleigh, F. Marks, Brasch, J. Hannan, Dr. Kelly, Messrs. Plasto, Hannan, J. O'Dea, A. Langley and W. Dalley.

Mrs. F. Marks and Mr. V. Burleigh, with a score of 1,907, secured first prize, whilst the second prize went to Miss H. Hall and Mr. A. A. Marks, with 1,874 points.

At the conclusion of the games Mr. J. A. Roles, in a few bright, cheery words, presented the trophies to the respective winners.

Mr. F. A. Marks has kindly donated a trophy, which is to be given as first prize at the next Bridge Club evening.

Bridge Notes

The executive of the Bridge Club desire to thank Messrs. Bourjois and Cie (Australia) Ltd., makers of the well-known "Ashes of Roses" perfumes and powders, for their kind donation of scoring pads and playing cards. The generosity of the firm mentioned in the manner indicated is appreciated very much.

Inter-Club Games

Commercial Travellers' Association v. Tattersall's Club.

On Tuesday evening, July 29th, a series of inter-club games in bridge, dominoes, billiards and snooker between members of the Commercial Travellers' Association and Tattersall's Club took place at the Club.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman (Mr. W. H. Whiddon), who, owing to having met with a slight mishap, could not be present, the Treasurer, Alderman J. M. Dunningham, M.L.A., welcomed the visitors, and remarked that it was the second occasion on which members of the Commercial Travellers' Association had visited Tattersall's Club to engage in friendly competitions, and he felt sure that he was expressing the sentiments of all those present when he said he hoped there would be many more similar visits.



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The welcome was duly acknowledged by Mr. C. A. Gibson, Vice-President of C.T.A. The results were as under:—

Bridge.

P. Bellmain and E. Davis (C.T.A.) beat A. Langley and G. Chiene (T.C.), by 551; A. G. Gillespie and H. Hall (T.C.) beat A. Benjamin and C. Gibson (C.T.A.), by 394; J. P. Hannan and Asher Thompson (T.C.) beat W. O. Braid and W. J. Moylan (C.T.A.), by 197; W. Dalley and F. Williams (T.C.) beat D. Smith and A. C. Hopwood (C.T.A.), by 325.

Dominoes.

J. Lovenstein and A. Hands (C.T.A.) beat F. G. Underwood and A. J. Genge (T.C.), by 161; A. D. Benjamin and C. A. Field (C.T.A.) beat A. Hayes and J. A. Roles (T.C.), by 30; A. Donald and J. W. Waugh (C.T.A.) beat A. J. Kennedy and E. J. Coote (T.C.), by 41.

Billiards.

C. Spencer (C.T.A.) beat C. E. Young (T.C.), by 34; C. O. Thompson (C.T.A.) beat R. H. Alderson (T.C.), by 98; M. J. Buchanan (T.C.) beat C. Hatton (C.T.A.), by 77.

Snooker.

R. Burberry (C.T.A.) beat S. Carlyle (T.C.), by 100; H. J. Robertson (T.C.) beat G. Pullen (C.T.A.), by 78; R. G. Clapp (T.C.) beat J. O. Kelly (C.T.A.), by 72.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT, 1930.

The draw for the first round, which commenced on Monday, 28th July, was as follows:—

A. C. Boyle receives 95 v. D. Lake receives 90, H. Emerson 10 v. R. W. Plasto 25, H. England 90 v. C. Coles 80, "Nabob" 85 v. J. P. Hannan 95, S. E. Thomas 95 v. E. Moss 90, W. Dalley 80 v. "Kinneil" 10, W. Forsyth 25 v. "Pocket" 120, C. Hardy 75 v. J. Logan 140, N. C. Kyle 90 v. J. L. Normoyle 50, P. Nolan 135 v. J. Kelso 100, C. E. Hall 95 v. J. S. Lillis 35, M. J. Buchanan 40 v. "Oral" owes 110, J. Molloy 50 v. "J.D.P." 95, J. P. Headland 90 v. C. E. Young owes 15, "Macleay" 150 v. "G.J.W." 45, R. Price 40 v. "Homebush" 100.

The preliminary round resulted as under:—

S. E. Thomas received 95 beat Essington Moore received 100, by 14; "Macleay" 150 beat T. E. Ferguson 85, by 16; "Cora Lynn" receives 75 beat M. J. Buchanan received 40, by 121; C. Coles 80 beat J. B. Davis 70, by 30; "Nabob" 85 beat W. R. Dovey 110, by forfeit; J. P. Hannan 95 beat T. C. Lawson 110, by forfeit; R. Price 40 beat S. Carlyle 10, by 19; C. Hardy 75 beat M. Faul 90, by forfeit; W. Forsyth 10 beat H. G. Hall 100, by forfeit; "Kinneil" 10 beat J. A. Roles 60, by 66; E. Moss 90 beat H. J. Robertson, scratch, by 65.

Byes.—"Oral," H. Emerson, R. W. Plasto, J. S. Lillis, "G.J.W.," J. L. Normoyle, J. Molloy, H. England, D. Lake, N. C. Kyle, J. P. Headland, A. C. Boyle, C. E. Hall, J. Kelso, "Homebush," "J.D.P.," "Pocket," P. Nolan, J. Logan, W. Dalley, C. E. Young.

SNOOKER TOURNAMENT, 1930.

The draw for the first round, which commenced on Monday, 28th July, was as follows:—

M. P. Davis receives 18 v. "J.D.P." receives 26, J. B. Davis 24 v. "Kinneil" 14, J. A. Portus 14 v. J. L. Normoyle 15, L. Tasker 10 v. "Pocket" 40, A. C. Eldred 18 v. S. E. Chatterton 22, J. Kelso 25 v. T. E. Ferguson 30, R. C. Longworth 42 v. W. R. Dovey 40, "Wellwood" 4 v. S. Carlyle 10, L. R. Harrison 30 v. J. H. Abbs 20, "Macleay" 50 v. A. Dobson 35, P. Gapper 32 v. M. Faul 25, R. S. Mutton 11 v. L. G. Richards 18, H. England 25 v. Essington Moore 30, R. Price 20 v. R. W. Plasto 16, C. E. Young 4 v. H. J. Robertson 4, L. H. Howarth 18 v. C. Coles 25.

The preliminary round resulted as follows:—

R. S. Mutton receives 11 beat E. N. Welch receives 22, by forfeit; R. Mutton 11 beat E. N. Welch 22, by forfeit; J. L. Normoyle 11 beat "Nabob" 22, by forfeit; J. L. Normoyle 11 beat "Nabob" 22, by forfeit; R. Price 20 beat L. E. Ashton 20, by forfeit; R. Price 20 beat L. E. Ashton 20, by forfeit; R. C. Longworth 42 lost to R. G. Clapp 20, by 26; R. C. Longworth 42 beat R. G. Clapp 20, by 9; R. C. Longworth 42, beat R. G. Clapp 20, by 31; M. Faul 25 beat R. H. K. Wood 25, by 76; M. Faul 25 beat R. H. K. Wood 25, by 27; J. A. Portus 14 beat G. Crick 11, by 26; J. A. Portus 14 beat G. Crick 11, by 7; J. H. Abbs 20 beat "G.J.W." 18, by 1; J. H. Abbs 20 lost to "G.J.W." 18, by 20; J. H. Abbs 20 beat "G.J.W." 18, by 27; "Macleay" 50 beat A. C. Boyle 20, by 38; "Macleay" 50 lost to A. C. Boyle 20, by 8; "Macleay" 50 beat A. C. Boyle 20, by 11; H. J. Robertson 4 beat N. C. Kyle 28, by 62; H. J. Robertson 4 beat N. C. Kyle 28, by 28; C. E. Young



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Byes.—S. Carlyle, R. W. Plasto, A. C. Eldred, L. G. Richards, L. Howarth, "Wellwood," S. E. Chatterton, J. B. Davis, J. Kelso, C. Coles, H. England, "J.D.P.," L. R. Harrison, T. E. Fergusson, Essington Moore, P. J. Gapper, A. Dobson, W. R. Dovey, "Kinneil," M. P. Davis.

TATTERSALL'S AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.

Competitions for the Dewar Trophy were continued during the month and resulted as follows:—

60 Yards (10/7/30).—S. Carrol (41) 1, A. Richards (37) 2, K. Hunter (36) 3. Time, 40 seconds.

80 Yards Handicap (17/7/30).—K. Hunter (51) 1, H. Robertson (45) 2, S. Carroll (56) 3. Time 49 1-5 seconds.

100 Yards Handicap (24/7/30). — H. Robertson (59) 1, S. Carroll (72) 2, K. Hunter (65) 3. Time, 58 seconds.

Forty Yards Handicap, July 31st.

K. Wheeler (24), 1; K. Hunter (23), 2; S. Carroll (26), 3. Time, 22 4-5 secs.

The point score to the 31st ultimo is as under:—

H. Robertson	58
S. Carroll	50
A. Richards	49
K. Hunter	47
V. Armstrong	27
W. Garnsey	21
K. Wheeler	19
N. Longworth	14

ANNUAL BALL.

The third annual ball, which is to be held on the 23rd instant, promises to be one of the most successful functions held under the auspices of the Club. In previous years the ball has been looked upon as having been one of "the" social fixtures of the city, and, judging by the arrangements that are well in hand, all concerned in its organisation will be able to make a similar claim again. The Club premises are ideal for such a function, and it is safe to say a very happy and festive throng will be there to enjoy themselves to the full.

Personal Club Notes

Tattersall's member, Mr. C. H. J. Schmidt, has been having a fair amount of success in recent weeks. Bludale, trained by F. J. Marsden, dead-heated for first place in the Maiden Handicap at latest Rosehill meeting. N.Z. gelding, Greenmantle, looked like the winner passing the St. Leger, but Bludale came with all his might, and the judge called it a draw on the post. Mr. Schmidt has also scored recently with Royal Dighton and Rhonite.

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Mr. D. U. Seaton, of Tattersall's Club, leaves nothing undone in his efforts to produce top-notch racehorses. He first established Eurunderie stud, near Mudgee, and Sands of the Orient sired many winners. He recently transferred therefrom to Kingsfield, in the rich valley of the Hunter, which well-known property he purchased from Mr. Brien when the latter retired from the breeding of the thoroughbred. Mr. Seaton has seen his horses ahead at the end of many a race, including the Melbourne Cup of 1917, when Westcourt beat Lingle.

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Big money is hung out in the land of dollars. When Gallant Fox headed the opposition in the Arlington Classic recently, £14,000 went into his owner's bank account. This horse has now annexed £55,000 in stake money; Zev tops the class with £63,000.

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Evergreen Amounis is in the top row, both in weight

and favouritism, for the Caulfield Cup. Conclusion of this race last year saw the old champion buried in the ruck. He freed himself a fraction too late, and scorched into second place—a great performance. Amounis is the property of Mr. W. Pearson, of Tattersall's, and he looks like ousting Gloaming from pride of place in aggregate winnings.

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An example to many another younger man is Club member Mr. G. Langley, who, in between the great time which he devotes to reading and chatting, may be seen about the city, here, there and everywhere. He is another instance of men who, having lived for long in the tropics, have retained health and strength. The other Sunday, when Mr. Langley was seen stepping it out briskly through the Botanic Gardens, was an indication that he would tire out some younger people who these times prefer to be at a motor wheel.

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Mr. Jas. Hackett, prominent bookmaker and Tattersall's member, has retired from the ring, after a long, active and honourable association therewith. Mr. Hackett made no distinctions, and there was no more popular "metallician" on the racecourse. The business will in future be carried on by Mr. Hackett's son, in conjunction with Mr. A. F. and Mr. K. F. Williams, all of Tattersall's Club.

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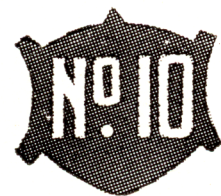
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In the case of Strephon and Phar Lap, however, they monopolised the three-year-old stage to a more striking extent than any of the four other horses mentioned. Undoubtedly the champions of the last two seasons have not had really formidable opposition from horses of their own age, but they have each acquitted themselves in a manner that suggests not only superiority over Windbag, Heroic, Manfred, and Limerick, but probably absolute supremacy since racing was first introduced in Australasia.

Carbine is held by many of the oldest Australian authorities as the greatest horse seen in this part of the world. Occasionally there is an advocate in favour of Abercorn. But the verdict must be given to Carbine so far as the horses of olden days are concerned.

There are present-day advocates who contend that Windbag, Heroic, Manfred and Limerick would each prove too good for Carbine. But these advocates invariably experience difficulty in sustaining their claims when it comes to an argument with certain dyed-in-the-wool Carbine supporters.

These latter, however, have suffered a severe jolt following on the exploits of Strephon and Phar Lap in the last 18 months. The latest champions each proved themselves so versatile and such convincing gallopers that there is no question of their superiority over the gallopers of all previous ages.

Of course, it will be held against Strephon and Phar Lap that they each failed to win the Melbourne Cup. So did Manfred, whereas Windbag was four years when he took the big two miles race. But there are excuses for Strephon and Phar Lap. Strephon probably failed to win the Melbourne Cup because he was set for this race on a six weeks' preparation. It was not anticipated

until within six weeks of the running of the Cup that he was a possibility for this race. Certain it is that if his Melbourne Cup engagement had been mapped out four or five months ahead there would have been a different tale to tell at the winning post, notwithstanding Statesman's (the winner) remarkable weight advantage.

A question agitating the minds of many racing men to-day is the question: "Is Phar Lap a better horse than Strephon?" Majority opinion answers in the affirmative. The pity of it is that Mr. Sol Green, owner of Strephon, saw fit to send his representative to England. All admired Mr. Green's courage in adopting a course that, at the time, suggested he was throwing away a certain revenue of thousands of pounds in the shape of weight-for-age victories in Australia—there is now no certainty that Strephon would have won these races with the advent of a new star in Phar Lap—for mythical honours in England. In the home of the thoroughbred, Strephon, however, has had to contend with a severe winter, with the result that the fears of many that Strephon would be affected by the climate, have been realised. Mr. Green is an optimist, and according to the cables, he says that when Strephon "gets the sun on his back," he will come into his own. We in Australia all sincerely hope so, but our regrets that Strephon has left Australia, and thus denied us some stirring contests with Phar Lap, will be the more keen if the wonderful Saltash colt does not win the Ascot Gold Cup.

Certain it is that if Strephon was still in Australia, he and Phar Lap would have staged some remarkable battles. Imagine Mr. Green's chestnut opposed to Phar Lap in the recently decided A.J.C. Plate! These two galloping machines—identical in colour, mode of galloping and each a phenomenon—would have staged a contest that would have out-shone all previous battles on Australian fields. Mr. Green's action in sending Strephon across the seas thus denied us with what would have proved an epic.

In order to support the contention that Phar Lap is a greater galloper than Strephon, it is proposed to analyse all the same races, from the V.R.C. Derby to the A.J.C. Plate, in which Strephon and Phar Lap were respectively engaged as three-year-olds. This analyses follows:—

Race.		Wgt.	Where finished.	Time	Winning margin.	Other Place-getters.
V.R.C. Derby, 1½ miles	Strephon	8.10	1st	2.33	3½ lengths	Yodelist and Balmerino
	Phar Lap	8.10	1st	2.31½	2 lengths	Carradale and Taisho
Melbourne Cup, 2 miles	Strephon	7.6	2nd	3.23½	4 lengths	Statesman (1st), Demost (3rd)
	Phar Lap	7.6	3rd	3.26½	4 lengths	Nightmarch (1st), Paquito (2nd)
V.R.C. St. Leger, 1¾ miles	Strephon	8.10	1st	2.59½	5 lengths	Prince Don and Balmerino
	Phar Lap	8.10	1st	3.1¼	5 lengths	Sir Ribble and Lineage
V.R.C. King's Plate, 2 miles	Strephon	8.0	1st	3.25¼	5 lengths	Black Duchess and Maple
	Phar Lap	7.11	1st	3.25	20 lengths	Second Wind and Lineage
W.F. Chipping Norton Stakes, 1¼ miles	Strephon	8.11	1st	2.7	1½ lengths	Limerick and Winalot
	Phar Lap	8.10	1st	2.6	2½ lengths	Amounis and Nightmarch
A.J.C. St. Leger, 1¾ miles	Strephon	8.10	1st	3.1½	5 lengths	Oatendale and Lalique
	Phar Lap	8.10	1st	3.7	1 length	Peacemaker and Sir Ribble
A.J.C. Cumberland Stakes, 1¾ miles . . .	Strephon	8.4	1st	3.24	10 lengths	Mondiaga and Leadlight
	Phar Lap	8.1	1st	2.58¾	2 lengths	Donald and Kidadaes
A.J.C. Plate, 2¼ miles	Strephon	8.2	1st	3.56	15 lengths	Black Duchess and Leadlight
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Australian Opals

How They Interested the World

The opal has a venerable past. Onamacritus, about 500 years B.C., writes: "The delicate colour and tenderness of the opal reminds me of a loving and beautiful child," a very poetic way of stating the impression the gem made upon him. Pliny more prosocially says that "Opal is made up of the glories of most precious gems, to describe it being a matter of inexpressible difficulty." He tells of an opal about the size of a hazel nut possessed by a certain Senator named Nonius, this being valued at £20,000 in our money. Anxious to secure it, possibly to give to one of his many lady friends, Marc Antony arrested Nonius and threw him into prison. However, the adventurous Nonius escaped from prison, taking his precious opal ring with him as the sole remnant of his once great fortune. He preferred, evidently, to live in exile with his opal than to reside in Rome without it.

Before the discovery of opals in Australia the world's supply of opals came from the mountain ranges of Hungary, most of the gems being won from two high mountain peaks; but a change came over the world's opal market in 1889, when, quite by accident, opal was discovered in White Cliffs in this State. A hunter, while tracking a wounded kangaroo, picked up a piece of brilliantly coloured mineral on the surface of the ground. After the find had been reported and due investigation made, opal "in situ" was discovered in the locality. The news soon spread, miners by the score arrived on the scene, claims were pegged out, and systematic work commenced. From that day to the present time it is estimated that opals to the value of nearly two million pounds have been secured from the White Cliff field. These opals have every grade of colour that is to be found in light opal, the lightest of which entirely eclipse the most beautiful Hungarian opal.

In 1891 precious opal was found at Wallangulla, in this State, near the Queensland border, at a point about 50 miles from Walgett. By the name of Lightning Ridge this locality is now more commonly known. It was not until the year 1903, however, after a small syndicate had been formed, that systematic mining for opal was undertaken. As a result of such mining the discovery of the only black opal, so far brought to light in the world, was made. Since the systematic working of the Lightning Ridge ground black opal, valued at £370,000, has been won therefrom. A member of Tattersall's Club, Mr. Percy Marks, was one of the first to be interested in the valuable finds. At first folks thought his enthusiasm had carried away his better judgment, but events have proved that his opinion was firmly grounded. Chatting with Mr. Marks the other day he told me reminiscently of how in 1907 he proceeded to Lightning Ridge to try his luck at winning some precious opal for himself. He pegged out his claim on Cantwell's Hill, sank a shaft, and "dug" and "picked," hoping all the time to strike something worth while. But Fate was not kind, and he was not rewarded with any payable gems, but he never regrets

the few months he had among the miners of Lightning Ridge. He came back to Sydney, however, sure that the "black" opal would one day startle the gem connoisseurs of the world, and so it has.

I was curious to know whether there was any way in which a locality for possessing opal could be determined, but I was told that experienced miners said there was not. It seems to be entirely a matter of luck, and there is nothing to guide one when at work with the pick. One just sinks a shaft and from it puts in drives as required. The shaft rarely exceeds a depth of 80 feet, and the opal oft-times is found within 6 feet of the surface.

The finest opal usually occurs in a hard formation in seams, or to state it more correctly in nodules, and the stones are often rounded, and are seldom of any great size. Great care has to be exercised in searching for the opal, as the careless blow of a pick would nullify the good luck and fortune of a "find." Suppose the miner has obtained some opal in the rough that at first glance appears to be of great value. He can either sell it at so much per ounce just as it is, or if he prefers "face it," that is, partly smooth it. In the early days of Lightning Ridge the miners sold their winnings in the rough, but nowadays, with lapidaries on the field, they prefer to "face" the stones themselves, or even have them completely cut and polished. If they do this, of course, they run the risk of lowering the value if what is termed "sandshots" occur in an otherwise perfect stone, but on the other hand, if they do obtain unblemished specimens they reap the reward of an increased price. The speculative element in dealing with large parcels of rough opal is thus largely diminished, though whether the actual miner loses or gains by polishing the stone outright is a matter of individual opinion. Many a buyer of the rough stones has lost considerably on account of the blemishes which cutting and polishing brought to light. In opal mining the game of chance and luck is played to the full!

Mr. Percy Miller, master of Kia Ora Stud, has reason to be pleased with the results at Warwick Farm recently. Four sons and daughters of his great imported horse, Magpie, landed events for different owners. Pleasure was gilded by the fact that aptly-named Talkie—first in the procession—won for his brother, Mr. Robert Miller, also of Tattersall's Club.

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Kavalli's win in the Edensor Park Handicap at Warwick Farm was his first victory since he led the field past the post in the Three-Years-Old Handicap at the Hawkesbury Club's meeting in September, 1928. During the interim he arrived late in 26 events. Kavalli is owned by Mr. John Logan, of Tattersall's, and he deserves his success for standing by the animal over so long a period without a win.

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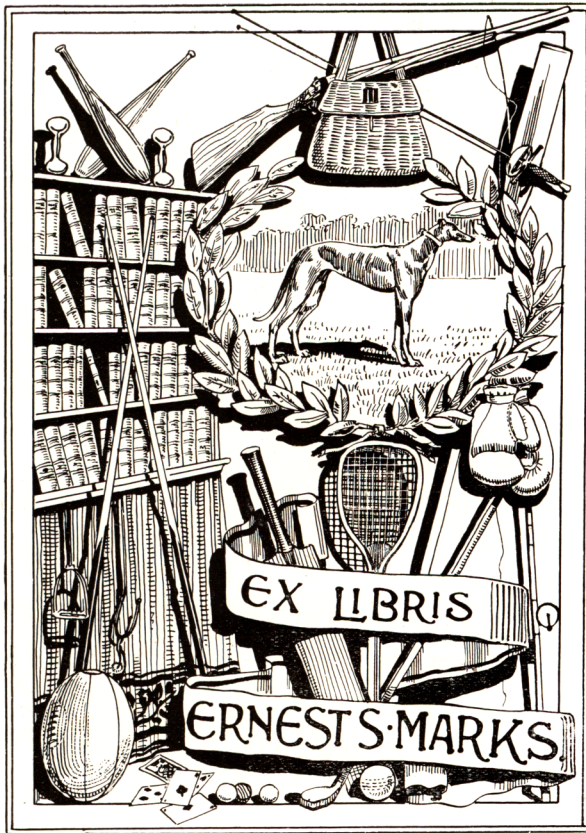
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A Sporting Library

The Lord Mayor, Alderman E. S. Marks, M.L.A.

The Australians, being essentially a sporting people, it almost necessarily follows that books on sport will find ready readers. Consequently, there has been published a large number of works dealing with the various aspects of physical activity in Australia. This is a branch of Australiana which the great collectors have not yet thoroughly exhausted. It has, however, grown so extensive that an absolutely complete library on the subject is impossible of attainment. At most one can get fairly full sets of works on particular branches of sport only. One of the best and most interesting of the



sporting libraries on this continent is undoubtedly that possessed by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman E. S. Marks, M.L.A. While not ignoring other sports, he has confined himself principally to those in which he is most actively connected with, viz., athletics, running, swimming, football, pugilistica, and coursing, and in these particular branches we doubt whether there is, anywhere, a more complete collection. Practically every publication of any importance that has been printed in Australia relating to these sports will be found on the shelves of his library. His cricket collection is also very full, but, owing to other competitors, we cannot say that this particular branch is unique. The programmes of athletic and swimming meetings extending back for years past form, a collection which it is absolutely impossible to obtain, and in themselves form a complete record of these sports. We doubt whether there is anyone in Australia who has such a

complete set of Rugby Union publications from the earliest days of the game as Alderman Marks has. His scrap books, containing cuttings dealing with various athletic activities in Australasia, are in themselves, unique. A complete collection of newspaper cuttings dealing with Bedell Sibright's British team's tour of New Zealand in 1904, forms a valuable record, and even more so are the four or five large volumes of the "Wallabies" tour in Great Britain. We suppose that, in Australia, the only complete account of the various Olympic Games, starting from the first, held in Athens, can be obtained from a perusal of the various publications that Alderman Marks has collected on these games. Like most collectors of books, Alderman Marks has a book-plate, or "ex libris" to denote the ownership of his books. The plate is like the library, a unique one, and in the small place it contains the implements or representations of most of the sports which his books represent. The design was drawn by Mr. Henry J. Recknell.

Mr. C. W. Cropper, the popular A.J.C. Secretary and member of the Club, is being warmly welcomed back to his duties after a long absence from the city owing to illness. It is pleasing to know that Mr. Cropper, by his enforced stay in hospital, has been thoroughly restored to his wonted health and strength.

Forthcoming Racing Fixtures

AUGUST.

Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 9th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 16th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 23rd
Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 30th

SEPTEMBER.

Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 6th
TATTERSALL'S CLUB	SATURDAY, 13th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 20th
Hawkesbury Racing Club	Saturday, 27th

OCTOBER.

Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 4th
Aust. Jockey Club (Eight Hour Day),	Monday, 6th
Australian Jockey Club	Wednesday, 8th
Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 11th
City Tattersall's Club	Saturday, 18th
Canterbury Park Racing Club	Saturday, 25th
Rosehill Racing Club	Wednesday, 29th

NOVEMBER.

Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 1st
Moorefield Racing Club	Saturday, 8th
Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 15th
Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 22nd
Moorefield Racing Club	Saturday, 29th

DECEMBER.

Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Wednesday, 3rd
Aust. Jockey Club (Warwick Farm),	Saturday, 6th
Rosehill Racing Club	Saturday, 13th
Australian Jockey Club	Saturday, 20th
Aust. Jockey Club (Boxing Day)	Friday, 26th
TATTERSALL'S CLUB	SATURDAY, 27th

Phar Lap — Poitrel

A Comparison

(By "Murkah.")

The sensational doings of Phar Lap are still one of the principal subjects of discussion in the racing world, particularly in view of his prospective Melbourne Cup engagement. In that race he has to carry 9-12, or 15 lbs. above weight-for-age, as against Carbine's 10 stone, which is 14 lbs. over the scale for a four-year-old.

The tendency to regard the latest champion as the greatest ever holds greater sway among racing enthusiasts than is the case with other sport followers. Even before the weights appeared, many people proclaimed that the next Melbourne Cup was as good as over—Phar Lap first, and the rest nowhere in sight. "He could drag Sydney G.P.O. into first place," his admirers aver.

Therefore, it requires considerable temerity on the part of calmer judges to even hint at the possibility of there ever having been another as good. Some concede that Carbine might have hurried this most recent idol, though their tone implies a doubt as to whether they really think so. Comparisons between horses that raced nearly a half-century apart, although interesting, never lead anywhere; the partisans of the two schools are never convinced. But I consider that a comparison can be made with a fair degree of accuracy and fairness over a period of 10 years. It is certain that no horse that ever galloped need be ashamed to hear his name mentioned at the same time as Poitrel's, therefore the

latest star can fairly be ranged alongside the gallant son of St. Alwyne, and their respective performances compared. It will be said at once, and with justice, that Phar Lap excels over all distances, while Poitrel was really great only from a mile up. But when we are comparing champions we must consider outstanding performances, and taking a run through Poitrel's career, we find it richly studded with noble triumphs, registered during a period when, probably, competition was never more fierce. It is racing history how, with 10 stone in the saddle, he cantered in at the head of a Melbourne Cup field which included Eurythmic, 9.4, and other good horses, to all of which the winner (top-weighted) was conceding weight. Poitrel was then a six-year-old, an age at which most stallions have become soured. Further, as a result of heavy-weighted galloping over the hard Australian tracks, his hoofs were troubling him. Few race-goers will forget how, a few months previously, he thrilled a Randwick crowd by his terrific finish in the Sydney Cup of 1920. Carrying 9.9, he was knocked almost on to his nose entering the straight, and lost 10 lengths. Coming again, he fled through the field and ran that great horse, Kennaquhair, 9.5, to a neck in 3.22 $\frac{3}{4}$. For long those figures stood as the Australasian record for the distance; indeed, lightly-weighted Gwilliam G. (6.10) in latest Sydney Cup was the first to better them—by a quarter-second! These two performances alone prove the sterling worth and courage of the aforetime top-notch. But when it is added that he also defeated such racecourse celebrities as Desert Gold and Gloaming in the Randwick Spring Stakes of 1918 and 1119 respectively, we understand better still what an undeniable champion Poitrel was. Poitrel met these horses only on this one occasion, when both were in the hey-day of their stake-winning careers—and this was one of the few occasions when the great New Zealanders took second money. He was definitely the master of Kennaquhair—in many battles between the pair aforementioned, Sydney Cup race provided the only instance in which Kennaquhair passed the judge first.

All of these performances have about them the true stamp of the champion racehorse. It mattered not to Poitrel what the state of the going, or the class of the field. It can be said with certainty that there was not a horse out in Poitrel's long day over which he did not leave a shadow of doubt as to his superiority when it came to his distance. His races were all won from behind, and it did not matter what the distance, or how fast the pace (the faster the better), his overpowering run carried him out in front at the finish. There is an idea among some race-goers, whose memories are short, that Poitrel was a pure hard-grinding slug, that toiled past the rest of the field when all were done to a turn. Nothing could be more unjust or erroneous. Poitrel was a rare combination of unlimited stamina and supreme dash, and it would be hard to imagine any six-furlong sprinter living with him at the end of two

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miles, even if it entered the race only at the six-furlong post. Despite that he was being taken around a big field, his last four furlongs in the Sydney Cup were put through in $47\frac{1}{2}$ secs. In his Melbourne Cup, photographs show that at the five-furlong post there were only two runners behind him; at the three-furlong post he was lying third, with the race at his mercy. Obviously, supreme dash was necessary to mow down the great Desert Gold and Gloaming at the end of a mile and a half.

It has been proved that at his distances ($1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles—he twice won the A.J.C. Plate over the latter distance) Poitrel was a first-class racehorse. He did his work without fuss, or press agents to boost him in sensational headlines. He retired in the autumn of his six-years-old career owing to leg infirmities. His last performance was a dead-heat in first place with Richmond Main in the Rawson Stakes of 9 furlongs at Rosehill. Oddly, he was beaten in the slowest C. B. Fisher Plate on record. Foolishly, Poitrel's rider allowed the $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile race to degenerate into a six-furlong sprint, and naturally the winner of a 7-furlongs Futurity under 10.7—Eurythmic—beat the stayer, though by a half-length only. Time was 17 secs. slower than average.

Now we come to Phar Lap. In comparing him with Poitrel, the only line which can be taken is through his performances in open company. The mere winning of Derbys and Legers is not necessarily an indication of the highest class; these are never quoted as proving a horse specially fast because of successes therein. Phar Lap's defeat in the Melbourne Cup has been attributed, and perhaps rightly so, to lack of fitness on the day; there seems to be considerable justification for this excuse. His efforts in the V.R.C. Governor's Plate and King's Plate were against such poor fields as to have no value for purposes of comparison. Coming to Sydney, he won the Chipping Norton Stakes, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile, and the A.J.C. Plate, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles, from good horses, and it is with these races that we shall deal.

In the first-mentioned he defeated Amounis and Nightmarch easily; there could be no possible doubt about his superiority. Everyone recognises that Amounis is a hardy, resolute animal who is always dangerous, and a doughty finisher. But, while doing full justice to his good qualities, it must be said that he has not been in the very highest class as a weight-for-age performer. For instance, he could not stay with Windbag at his top in journeys exceeding $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles; Limerick and Gothic were his masters over any distance. Yet few would assert that these horses were superior to Desert Gold and Gloaming.

Regarding Nightmarch, he won a slowly-run Melbourne Cup and otherwise proved himself a good horse in the spring by winning the 1 mile Epsom under 9.4, and by running a close second in the Metrop., with 9.12. His performances in the following autumn suggest that he had lost the high-pitch form he evinced in the spring. For instance, old Donald, at best a Summer Handicapper, had the Melbourne Cup winner hard at it right to the end of the Randwick Plate. There could be no clearer proof that the springtime top-notch had slipped considerably. It is thus an open question whether Phar Lap, by defeating him, has established his right to rank with the giants of the past.

Phar Lap's time for the $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles— $3/49\frac{1}{2}$ —has been quoted as proof of phenomenal speed. Carrying 6 lbs. over weight-for-age, Poitrel ran the 2 miles of the Sydney Cup in $3.22\frac{3}{4}$, and few would have doubted his ability to cover an additional two furlongs in 27 secs. As previously mentioned, he got over the last four of the Cup journey in $47\frac{1}{2}$ secs. (i.e., better than 12 secs. per furlong). This is mentioned only because Phar Lap's time has been quoted in proof of his superlative quality. Argument is almost irrefutable that had Poitrel been pushed he could have registered a better time than Phar Lap's record. Times are no test, and in England race-times are thought so little of that they are not taken! Horses must be judged by those they beat, and by their manner of doing it. Admittedly there was something sensational about the huge gaps which Phar Lap placed between himself and the rest of the field. But it is the horse that can stay with his field, at any pace that field cares to set, and that can outclass it in a few strides nearing the judge, that has carved his name most deeply in the scroll of fame in the past.

Nothing is herein written in disparagement of Phar Lap—undoubtedly an exceptional horse. But it is suggested that his right to be ranked with the greatest of other days—Carbine, Wakeful, and Poitrel—has yet to be proved. His opportunity will come in the Melbourne Cup. As a four-year old, Carbine carried 10 stone into second place. The following year he bettered that by delivering 10.5 at the post ahead of the field. Wakeful, under 10 stone, ran a mighty second to Lord Cardigan, 6.8, in 1903. Exactly 30 years after Carbine's great win, Poitrel landed himself a winner from

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the 10 stone mark. And those are the great event's best heavyweight performances. Phar Lap has been allotted 9.12, and if he can win in spite of it, he must be conceded as fit to rank with the greatest.

On the first Tuesday in November the thoughts of all lovers of the thoroughbred, and of those imaginative beings who are captured by the spectacular, will be directed towards Flemington and the great annual speed-battle staged there on that day.

OBITUARY

Mr. Arthur Hedger.

A popular member of the Club passed away suddenly on the 31st instant, in the person of Mr. Arthur Hedger, who was engineer for the Australian General Electric Co. The circumstances of his death were very pathetic. He had resided with his mother at Spofforth Street, Cremorne, and on his mother going to call him in the early morning, our late member was found to be dead, he having passed away as a result of heart failure. Mr. Hedger was only 46 years of age, being, therefore, in the prime of life, and his death is therefore all the more regrettable. The late gentleman joined the Club on August 24th, 1925, and was often in the Club room, where, as elsewhere in the city, he will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends.

A memorial service was conducted at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Phillip Street, on Friday afternoon last, preparatory to the interment of the remains at the Waverley Cemetery.

Sincere sympathy of Club members is extended to our late member's mother and father and the family.

The Judge

Surely the most onerous and responsible position on a racecourse is that of judge. It must take nerve of an uncommon kind to dispassionately watch an equine battle, obviously going to end desperately close, on the result of which a fortune in stake and wagers depends. When it is considered that the thundering field approaches at about 40 miles per hour, not rolling evenly as, say, a wheel race, but in a series of 40-foot bounds, the need for concentration and "press-camera" eyesight also becomes obvious. The supremest integrity, of course, goes without saying, and it is a refreshing fact that year after year passes without complaint from those who sometimes have fortunes at stake. "Only the judge can tell" is the laconic comment.

The Golf Club's Captain

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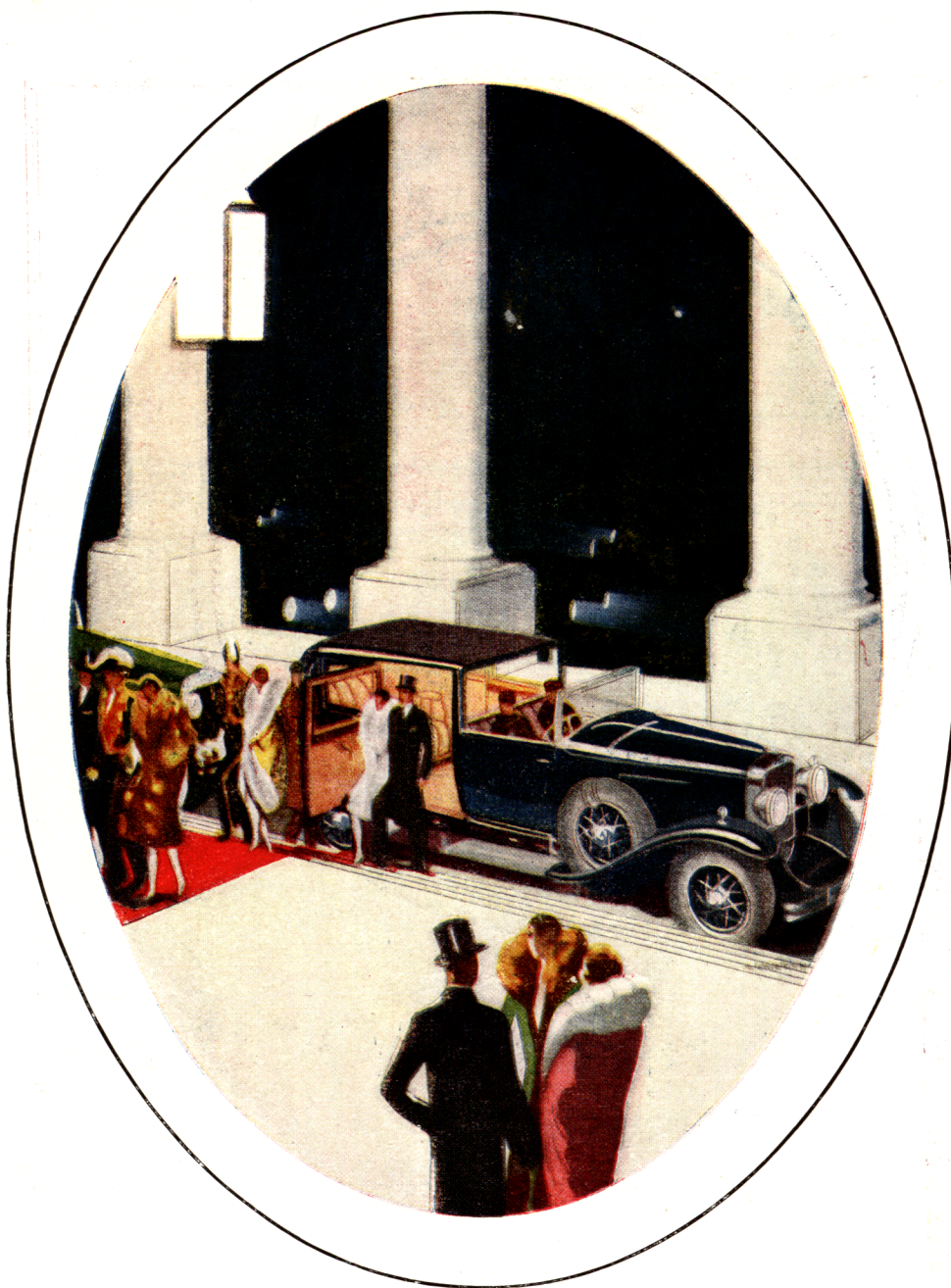
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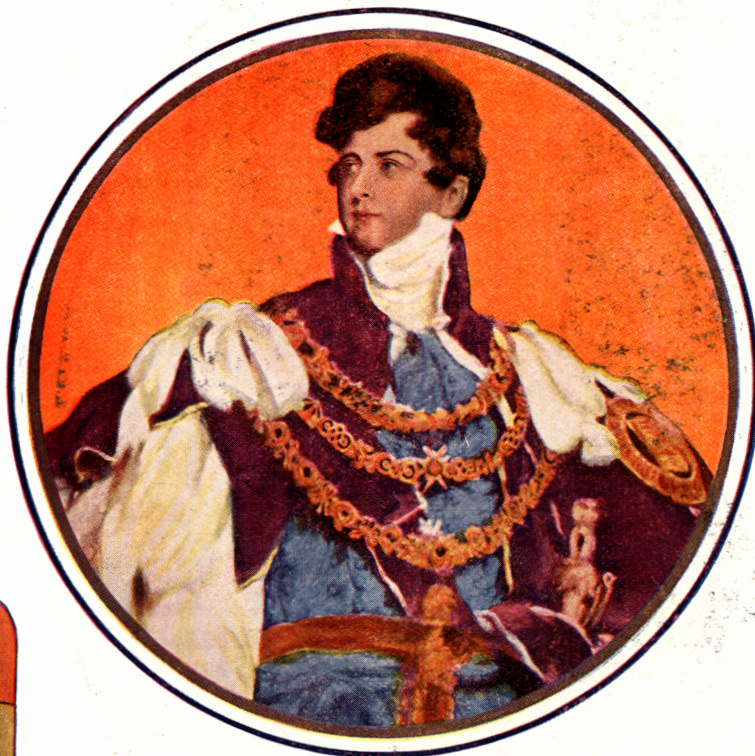
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